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COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY AND LTEA FOLLOW-UP

REF: A. STATE 41525; B. SHINN-TARRANT TELCON, MARCH 17

1. SECGEN'S REVISED DRAFT MANDATE FOR PROPOSED
COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY (C(75)14 CORRIGENDUM 1), AND REVISED
DRAFT ENTRY ON LTEA FOLLOW-UP (C(74)259), CORRIGENDUM 1)
ARE ON AGENDA FOR MARCH 18 COUNCIL MEETING.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO
SECRETARIAT DEPSEC GEN WOOTON) THAT FORMER DOCUMENT WAS
NOT RECEIVED IN DELEGATION UNTIL LATE ON FRIDAY MARCH 14
AND NOT IN WASHINGTON UNTIL MONDAY MARCH 17. WE NOTED
THAT THIS CLEARLY LEFT INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROPER
CONSIDERATION BY OFFICIALS AND THAT, AS MATTER OF
PRINCIPLE, WE STRONGLY OBJECTED TO BEING GIVEN SUCH
SHORT NOTICE ON A MATTER OF THIS IMPORTANCE. WE
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SAID WE FAVORED MINIMUM OF ONE-WEEK, AND PREFERABLY

TWO-WEEK, DELAY IN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS. WE NOTED THAT IF COUNCIL DISCUSSION WERE HELD AS SCHEDULED WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE DEFINITIVE POSITION.

3. WE INTEND REPEAT ABOVE POSITION AT COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOMORROW MORNING AND REQUEST DISCUSSION BE POSTPONED. IF DISCUSSION NEVERTHELESS TAKES PLACE, WE WILL SUPPORT REASONABLE AMENDMENTS TO TEXTS AND WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A. IN LAST ANALYSIS, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 18, WE WILL INDICATE AD REFERENDUM ACCEPTANCE OF REASONABLE TEXTS IF CLEAR CONSENSUS FAVORS AND NO OTHER COUNTRY BLOCKS.
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